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**DIA SPOT REPORT**  
**#15A**

**DATE: 9 October 1973**  
**TIME: 1045 EDT**

**SUBJECT: DAMASCUS BOMBING ANNOUNCED**

**REFERENCE: DIA Analysis**

1. (U) Both Syrian and Israeli sources have announced the bombing of the Damascus area by Israeli aircraft at noon on 9 October.
2. (U) Israel stated that its aircraft struck strategic targets -- which included the Commands of the Syrian Army General Staff and the Syrian Air Force -- after FROG rocket attacks on valley settlements.
3. (U) The Syrian Command stated that six Israeli PHANTOM aircraft struck civilian targets in the Damascus area at 1210 hours local time and that four of the intruders were shot down. Radio Damascus went off the air for a 10-minute period during the time of the attack.

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